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SUBJ: AGITATION CONTINUES OVER PAY SCALES

REF: DACCA 2529 (NOTAL)

1. DESPITE THE PUBLICATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT PAY SCALES
(REFTEL) FOR SENIOR OFFICERS, DOCTORS, ENGINEERS AND AGRICULTURAL TECHNICIANS HAVE CONTINUED TO REFRAIN FROM WORK.
WE HAVE HEARD THAT SOME PRIVATE DOCTORS ARE SUPPORTING
THE PROTEST ALSO BY NOT WORKING, OR WORKING AT A SLOWER PACE.
TO AMELIORATE SOME OF THE SUFFERING ATTENDANT ON THE
DOCTOR'S STRIKE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN MANY CASES
EXTENSIVE INSTRUCTIONS WERE PREPARED IN ADVANCE BY THE SENIOR
DOCTORS FOR PERSONS LEFT IN CHARGE OF PATIENTS.

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2. A "PEN DOWN" STRIKE, A TEMPORARY WORK STOPPAGE, BY ALL
THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OF CLASSES 2 THROUGH 4 BEGAN
AT 11 A.M. TODAY (APRIL 25), TO CONTINUE TO 1 P.M. THIS
INCLUDES AT THE TOP, CENTRAL SECRETARIAT WORKERS AT
THE SECTION OFFICER LEVEL, AND EXTENDS TO DRIVERS,
MESSENGERS AND OTHER NON-SKILLED WORKERS. THE POLICE HAVE
NOT BEEN AFFECTED SO FAR. THE WORKERS HAVE ALSO AGREED

TO WEAR BLACK ARM BANDS AS A SIGN OF
PROTEST. THE PAY SCALES ANNOUNCED APRIL 22 CONTAINED
NO PROVISIONS FOR THESE WORKERS.

3. THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEW PAY SCALES DOES NOT APPEAR
YET TO HAVE SOLVED ANY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROBLEMS.
MANY OF THE NON-GAZETTED WORKERS STILL EXPECT ANOTHER REPORT
TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS, ALTHOUGH NOTHING OF THIS
NATURE WAS INDICATED IN THE ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE.
THERE HAS YET BEEN NO PRESS REACTION TO THE NEW PAY SCALES,
ALTHOUGH ITTEFAQ CALLED FOR A SOLUTION TO THE DOCTOR'S
STRIKE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS.
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